

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 428**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Carter  
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An act to add Section 51229 to the Education Code, relating to high school curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 428, as introduced, Carter. High school curriculum: notification regarding college preparatory courses.

Existing law prohibits, except as specified, a pupil from receiving a diploma of graduation from high school if that pupil, while in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, has not completed specified academic requirements. Existing law requires school districts maintaining any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer a course of study satisfying the prerequisites for admission to the California public institutions of postsecondary education, and a course of study that provides an opportunity for pupils to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry upon graduation from high school.

This bill would require each school offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, each semester prior to class registration to provide parents and pupils with a separate written notification relating to the courses offered by the school which satisfy the subject requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California and a summary of the progress of the pupil toward satisfying those requirements. The bill would require the State Department of Education to provide a brief, 2-page template to be used for the

notification, and to establish, if necessary, and include, in that template, the percentage of course offerings the state recommends a school offer to satisfy the subject requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California.

By requiring each school offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, to provide parents and pupils with the above described written notification, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 51229 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 51229. (a) Each semester prior to course registration, a school
- 4 offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, shall provide parents and
- 5 pupils with a separate written notification that includes all of the
- 6 following:
- 7 (1) A brief explanation of the college admission requirements.
- 8 (2) A list of the courses offered by the school in that semester
- 9 which satisfy the college admission requirements.
- 10 (3) (A) The percentage of course sections offered by the school
- 11 that qualify as satisfying the college admission requirements,
- 12 including any applicable career technical education courses.
- 13 (B) The average percentage for all schools offering any of grades
- 14 9 to 12, inclusive, of course sections offered that satisfy the college
- 15 admission requirements.
- 16 (C) The percentage of course sections which satisfy the college
- 17 admission requirements that the state recommends as a goal for
- 18 all schools offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive. The
- 19 department, if necessary, shall establish this percentage as part of
- 20 the development of the notification template pursuant to
- 21 subdivision (b) and include that percentage in the template.

1 (4) The percentage of course sections that satisfy the college  
2 admission requirements taught by teachers who have single subject  
3 credentials for the subjects they are teaching.

4 (5) A summary of the progress of the pupil toward satisfying  
5 the college admission requirements. This summary shall include  
6 all of the following:

7 (A) The courses completed by the pupil that satisfy the college  
8 admission requirements, including the requirement that the pupil  
9 receive a grade of C or better in those courses.

10 (B) The courses completed by the pupil that do not satisfy the  
11 college admission requirements.

12 (C) The courses that remain to be completed by the pupil, with  
13 the pupil earning a grade of C or better, to satisfy all the college  
14 admission requirements.

15 (6) Contact information for the school counselors responsible  
16 for the course schedule of the pupil.

17 (b) The department shall provide schools offering any of grades  
18 9 to 12, inclusive, with a brief, two-page template that shall be  
19 used for the notification required pursuant to subdivision (a). It is  
20 the intent of the Legislature to use existing translation services to  
21 ensure the template is translated into the top 12 primary languages  
22 other than English that are spoken by pupils in kindergarten and  
23 grades 1 to 12, inclusive, of California, which are: Spanish,  
24 Vietnamese, Hmong, Cantonese, Filipino, Korean, Mandarin,  
25 Armenian, Khmer (Cambodian), Punjabi, Russian, and Arabic.

26 (c) For purposes of this section, “college admission  
27 requirements” means the courses that satisfy the subject  
28 requirements for admission to the California State University and  
29 the University of California.

30 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
31 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
32 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
33 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
34 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.